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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

LIMERKENS *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1711

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Examiner: Cooney, J. M.

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FOR: FOAMED THERMOPLASTIC POLYURETHANES

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, Paper No. 7, mailed December 18, 2002, and is timely filed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (previously amended) Process for the preparation of foamed thermoplastic polyurethanes wherein the foaming of the thermoplastic polyurethane is carried out in the presence of thermally expandable microspheres and in the presence of an additional blowing agent, said microspheres containing a hydrocarbon.

2. (original) Process according to claim 1 wherein the hydrocarbon is an aliphatic or cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon.

3. (Previously amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein an endothermic blowing agent is present.

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